



# **NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

### **DISTRICT OFFICE**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2007  
6:30 PM**

### **Agenda**

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of December 12, 2006
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Registry of Claims/Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ 6:40 p.m. Election of Officers (Executive Committee) for 2007
- ⇒ 7:00 p.m. Director's Report
  - Drop-Off Contract Rate Request – MCI index & Term issues.
  - Programs/Operations Report – February Orientation etc.
  - Legislative Report
- ⇒ 7:20 p.m. Other Items Pending
- ⇒ 7:25 p.m. Public Comment
- ⇒ 7:30 p.m. Adjourn



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## Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes January 9, 2007

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began January 9, 2007 at 6:32 P.M. Steve Christman, Executive Director for the District, called the meeting to order, **with a quorum present**. The meeting opened with introductions.

Steve Christman explained the changes in the Board of Directors configuration and noted the new 16 member Board would represent 8 County and 8 Municipal members or (2 County and 2 Municipal from each of the 4 Counties – DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben).

Normally, in December of each year, elections are held to form the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is made up of President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. **This year, due to the new Board structure, a motion was made at the December 12, 2006 meeting to suspend the by-laws and hold Executive Committee elections at the January 9, 2007 meeting.** The 2007 Executive Committee elections will be conducted by Andrew Kruse, Legal Counsel.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Kaufman, Donald VanWye, Mayor Norm Yoder, Mark Pankop, Don Moore, Ron Smith, Sara Tuburgen and Mayor Richard Hickman

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mayor David Wiant, Phillip Curtis, Fred Brown, Terry Helmer, Yvonne Eash, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, Mayor Gary Bishop and Loretta Smart

**CAC PRESENT:** Colleen Hake Boyd

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Andrew Kruse

**DISTRICT ENGINEER:** Not Present

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Chris Himes/Borden Waste Away

**STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Christman, Pam DeCamp, Jennifer Franz and Linda Zirkle

Steve Christman explained how elections are conducted. A draft list of the Board make-up was given to all present. Steve Christman reviewed IC 13-21-3-6 to clarify procedure to appoint a designated member from a municipal body, to serve as an alternate and exercise the right to vote, if the Board member is unable to attend a meeting. Also reviewed was a Board meeting quorum as defined and established by inter-local agreement amendment dated June 9, 1998.

Andrew Kruse, Legal Counsel conducted the elections starting with nominations to the Executive Committee. The Board chose nominations and vote by voice with all five offices as an Executive Committee slate.

**President – Don Kaufman made a motion to nominate Mayor Norm Yoder for President. Donald VanWye moved the nominations for President be closed. Mark Pankop seconded closing the nominations for President. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Ron Smith made a motion to nominate Mark Pankop for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Don Kaufman moved the nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President be closed. Donald VanWye seconded closing the nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Don Kaufman made a motion to nominate Ron Smith for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Mayor Richard Hickman moved the nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President be closed. Don Moore seconded closing the nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays**

**Secretary – Don Kaufman made a motion to nominate Terry Helmer for Secretary. Donald VanWye moved the nominations for Secretary be closed. Mayor Richard Hickman seconded closing the nominations for Secretary. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays**

**Treasurer – Don Kaufman made a motion to nominate Donald VanWye for Treasurer to retain his experience in the position. Don Moore moved the nominations for Treasurer be closed. Mayor Richard Hickman seconded closing the nominations for Treasurer. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays**

**Andrew Kruse read the nominations for the Executive Committee are as follows:**

President – Mayor Norm Yoder  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mark Pankop  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Ron Smith  
Secretary – Terry Helmer  
Treasurer – Donald VanWye

**This is the slate of nominees for the Executive Committee. All those in favor to elect these nominees to the Executive Committee as stated. Motion carried. 8 yeas, 0 nays**

**At this time Andrew Kruse turned the meeting over to Mayor Norm Yoder, President.**

**ACTION ITEM #1 MINUTES: Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes of December 12, 2006, a motion was made by Mark Pankop to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Donald VanWye. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays**

**Registry of Claims and Treasurer’s Report: Steve Christman reviewed the Registry of Claims and Treasurer’s Report for January 9, 2007. ACTION ITEM # 2 A motion was made by Don Kaufman to approve the Registry of Claims and Treasurer’s Report. Motion seconded by Mark Pankop. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays**

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

**Recycling Drop-Off Contract** – The Borden Waste Away Contract for Drop-Off Recycling ends on 12/31/07. The current contract contains language providing the contractor to request a price adjustment based on the municipal cost index.

Chris Himes from Borden Waste Away contacted Steve Christman in December 2006 to request a price adjustment allowable in the contract or a 2 year extension of the contract with no price adjustment. Chris Himes explained a price adjustment or extension of the contract would allow his company to recover money spent to modify containers as requested by the District to provide better service.

Due to the full agenda in December Steve Christman asked Chris Himes to attend the January 9, 2007 meeting with his request to the Board of Directors.

Steve Christman prepared a slide presentation for the Board with history of the program and the Borden Waste Away contract. At the end of the slide presentation Steve Christman noted the recommendation is to keep the current contract pricing at \$106.00 per ton and not sign a 2 year extension of the contract. Review the program and re-bid the contract for 2008.

Mayor Norm Yoder clarified the decision to re-bid the contract for 2008 does not have to be made tonight. Deciding the future of the program beginning 1/1/08 would have to be made by March or April of 2007 to allow time for re-bidding the contract. Discussion followed with the difference in price from November to November from Chris Himes and December to December from the District slide presentation. Chris Himes presented reasons for his request and Steve Christman defended the recommendations presented in the slide presentation.

Mayor Norm Yoder suggested the Executive Committee meet and give recommendations to the Board of Directors for decision at the February 13, 2007 meeting. Mayor Richard Hickman commented he feels it is time the Board listens to the staff recommendations.

**ACTION ITEM #3 Mayor Richard Hickman made a motion to allow the rate increase requested from Borden Waste Away based on 80% of the Municipal Cost Index rate of increase (expressed in \$/ton as listed below) and do not allow a 2 year extension of the contract but to re-bid the contract this year with a decision effective 1/1/2008.**

<b>Tons</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>1/1/07</b>	<b>\$110.98/ Ton</b>	<b>94.77</b>	<b>82.30</b>	<b>72.32</b>	<b>63.59</b>	<b>57.36</b>	<b>51.12</b>

**Motion seconded by Don Kaufman. Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays**

**Programs/Operations** – The District has released a memo documenting analysis of collection of expired medication. Staff does not recommend an expired meds collection program because of the liability related costs of the program.

With regard to cases of aluminum theft in Steuben County, staff and the Steuben County Prosecutor report 32 arrests have been made 19 convictions (the past five year period) with incident of metals thefts increasing due to increasing value in copper, aluminum and other metals.

The Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance premium has increased 11% from 06 to 07. Steve Christman has a meeting next week with our agent but doubts any changes will be made this year.

**Legislative Report** – Senate Bill No. 154 (environmental rule making and changing the definition of recycling) and Senate Bill No. 160 (Electronic waste disposal) by Senator Gard are two of the bills staff will be watching and reporting back to the Board of Directors.

**Other Items Pending** – Orientation will be scheduled for February 13, 2007. After minimizing other meeting conflicts, plan on ½ day Board orientation.

**Public Comment** – Chris Himes/Borden Waste Away thanked the Board for all their time and consideration.

**ACTION ITEM #4 A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Donald VanWye at 8:10 P.M. Motion seconded by Don Kaufman. Approved 7 yeas, 0 nays.**